

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 1997-239-C – ORDER NO. 2005-7
JANUARY 11, 2005

IN RE: Procedure to Establish Guidelines for an) ORDER DESIGNATING
Intrastate Universal Service Fund) ADMINISTRATOR

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on recognition that the funds constituting the Universal Service Fund (USF) have now been physically transferred to the Office of Regulatory Staff (ORS). Accordingly, we hereby appoint ORS as the Administrator of the Fund subject to a further Order to be issued after we have fully considered the appropriate guidelines for appointment of that Agency as Administrator. ORS shall have full authority to assess, disburse, and perform all other ministerial functions connected with administering the USF as may be appropriate, within the existing guidelines, until such time as this Commission issues a full Order on the issue in the near future.

Further, to resolve issues of confidentiality, all confidentiality agreements signed by the former Commission Staff members shall continue to be binding on those Staff members who were transferred to the Office of Regulatory Staff. It is not necessary for those Staff members to sign a new confidentiality agreement. If an ORS Staff Member who has not signed a confidentiality agreement wishes to review confidential

information, that Staff member must sign such an agreement before being allowed to review the confidential material.

This Commission will issue a full Order further explicating these matters in the near future.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

/s/
Randy Mitchell, Chairman

ATTEST:

/s/
G. O'Neal Hamilton, Vice Chairman

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